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In re application of:

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Application No.: 08/838,486

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For: IMPROVED METHODS FOR THE
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF
DIABETES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 60 and 61.

REMARKS

11. The office action indicates that all of the present claims are different in scope than those in the Florida patents. However, the office action has not stated what the differences in scope are, or addressed whether any differences are sufficient to confer patentable distinction. In addition, the office action has not stated whether the Florida patents can be overcome by declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131 or MPEP 715.07(c) (attribution) or only by interference. Although applicants